

July 8

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lottie S. Merchant, Georges, 30 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Grayling, via Boston, 256 bbls. salt mackerel.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$3.75 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.37 1-2 for large, \$3.00 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.00; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$1.75, medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.50 haddock, \$1; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70c
Outside sales Georges handline cod, \$4.25 for large and \$3.50 for mediums.

Georges halibut, 10 1-2 cts per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Bank halibut, 9 cents per lb. for white and 6 cents for gray.

Rips cod, \$4 for large and \$3.50 for medium.

Salt mackerel, \$11 per barrel.

Fresh mackerel, 12 cents each.

Boston.

No arrivals today.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Vesta was at Barrington, N. S., last Monday.

Mackerel Notes.

One trap at Provincetown took 1500 fresh mackerel yesterday.

The mackerel taken on Georges recently are reported to run a little better count to the salted barrel than those taken formerly.

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BAIT FAMINE.

On Nova Scotia Coast from Canso to St. Andrews.

The N. S., Coast Guard, of Thursday says that something like a real bait famine seems to be setting in along all the coast from Canso to St. Andrews. As a consequence, both the bank and shore fleet of vessels, home and foreign, are finding it extremely hard to pursue their voyages. They have already lost much time in calling for bait at stations never failing before, but this season the scarcity prevails everywhere. Sch. W. H. Rider, Capt. Uriah Lyons, was at Yarmouth, last week, more than ten days from Gloucester with part of a supply, mostly eckles obtained at St. Andrews on the way down. Sch. Hazel Oneita, fishing out of Yarmouth was hung up last week for want of bait. On report of herring netted at Tiverton she repaired thither, but secured only a few barrels. The trap at Burn's Point took eight barrels of herring one day last week, and this lot went but a little way.

FINE RECORDS.

Little Sch. Motor Stocked \$4,000 South Netting.

Sch. Grayling Stocks Over \$6100 in 22 Day Seining Trip

One of the high liners of the southern mackerel netting fleet is the little sch. Motor, Capt. Herman Pennington, of this port, which arrived home from her spring season this morning. Since leaving here in April the Motor has stocked the splendid sum of \$4000, and it is doubtful if this was beaten or equalled by any craft in the big fleet of over 100 netters. Of this amount, \$2500 was made in five times to market. For their spring's work, each man of the crew received \$350 for his share of the voyage.

Sch. Grayling, Capt. Reuben Cameron, stocked \$6102, the crew sharing \$148.94, on her recent seining trip. The Grayling was gone but 22 days.

This is one of the very largest stocks and shares made on a single trip this season. Capt. Cameron is following up his fine Cape Shore trip and is now right up with the leaders of the procession in the seining fleet.

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PROBABLY HIT BY AN ICEBERG.

Sch. American Reaches Bay Bulls After a Terrible Experience.

WAS FLITCHING AMID ARCTIC FLOE IN FAR NORTHERN WATERS.

Cut Away Cable, Lost Rudder, Parted Her Bobstays and Lost Both Topmasts and Sustained Other Damage.

After what was undoubtedly a terrible experience with an iceberg, sch. American of this port arrived at Bay Bulls, N. F., yesterday in a damaged condition.
The American is engaged in the flitched halibut fishery, and sailed from here in May on her long, hard trip to the cold and frozen waters of Bacallen bank, Labrador coast and Davis strait. It is to these high latitudes that the flitchers go this early in the year, when field ice is most plentiful and icebergs abound in alarmingly large numbers.
Many have been the narrow escapes of our vessels from collisions with these ice monsters, and often have crafts been forced to cut away their whole strings of cable to escape from the death-menacing of the huge ice castles as they came gliding resistlessly and silently along with the strong tide. Sometimes they have been caught in the floe and have even struck bergs.

So when Messrs. John F. Wonson & Co. received a telegram from Bay Bulls yesterday stating that sch. American had arrived there with 200 fathoms of cable gone, bobstays parted, rudder gone and both topmasts gone, even though the message contained no particulars of how it occurred, it told its own story as plainly as additional words could have done, that the vessel had collided with an iceberg in the far northern waters or been roughly handled by a big Arctic ice floe, presumably the former on account of both topmasts being lost.
As very few vessels have ever been struck by icebergs and reached port afterward, the particulars of the accident to the American will be awaited with much interest. Fishermen who have been seen and who have had experience on flitchers among the ice floes of the north say that in their opinion the American must have encountered an iceberg.

DOUBLE MISFORTUNE.

American Fisheries Co. Loses Two Steamers In One Day.

Steamer George W. Humphrey Went Ashore on Brenton Reef.

The American Fishery Company's steamer George W. Humphrey is ashore on Brenson's reef, and may be a total loss. The Humphrey struck on the gully of the reef during Wednesday night.

Capt. James Church, Jr., whistled for assistance, and although the fog was thick, Capt. Kenyon and a volunteer crew from the Brenton reef life-saving station were able to find the steamer. Capt. Church decided that he and his three men would remain aboard until daylight.

The Humphrey struck the rocks bow first, and as she is an old vessel it is thought it will be difficult to save her. She was built at Philadelphia in 1877, and registers 150 tons.

The steamer Mabel Bird which went ashore on Sandy Cove ledges, near Salisbury Beach, Wednesday, will be a total loss. The American Fisheries Co., has thus had the misfortune to lose two streamers in one day.